

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Alan Doane, on January 16, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 62, 1/3/2017; HB 70, 1/3/2017; HB 77, 1/3/2017

HEARING ON HB 62**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:08 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 62, Dept. of Revenue to collect fees for public defender services.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:24 Bill Hooks, Office of the Public Defender (OPD)

00:03:46 Steve Austin, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:42 Vice Chair Court

00:06:09 Bill Hooks, OPD

00:06:39 Vice Chair Court

00:06:55 Bill Hooks, OPD

00:07:12 Rep. Eck

00:07:42 Bill Hooks, OPD

00:10:12 Rep. Eck

00:11:02 Steve Austin, DOR

00:11:58 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:12:33 Bill Hooks, OPD

00:13:09 Steve Austin, DOR

00:13:38 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:13:49 Steve Austin, DOR

00:14:18 Rep. Wagoner

00:15:31 Steve Austin, DOR

00:16:41 Rep. Wagoner

00:16:50 Bill Hooks, OPD

00:17:05 Vice Chair Court

00:17:41 Steve Austin, DOR

00:18:05 Rep. Usher

00:18:39 Steve Austin, DOR

00:19:15 Rep. Usher

00:19:25 Steve Austin, DOR

00:20:06 Rep. Usher

00:20:27 Steve Austin, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:59 Rep. Brodehl

00:23:53 Recess

00:26:01 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:05 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 77, Revise public defender system and provide for a director hired by governor.

[EXHIBIT\(juh11a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:27 Rep. Dudik

[EXHIBIT\(juh11a02\)](#)

00:35:51 Tim Twardoski, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

00:36:17 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh11a03\)](#)

00:40:23 Chris Abbott, Self

00:42:39 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:43:12 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:23 Bill Hooks, Office of the Public Defender (OPD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:45 Rep. Kelker

00:45:31 Mark Murphy, MCAA

00:47:23 Vice Chair Court

00:47:49 Rep. Dudik

00:48:58 Vice Chair Court

00:49:45 Rep. Brodehl

00:50:15 Rep. Eck

00:50:53 Rep. Dudik

00:51:49 Rep. Kelker

00:52:30 Rep. Dudik

00:53:38 Rep. Kelker

00:53:49 Rep. Dudik

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:23 Rep. Brodehl

00:56:31 Recess

01:04:06 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 70**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:04:18 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 70, Strengthening guardianship services and creating a WINGS group.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:11:51 Denise Armstrong, Big Sky Senior Services
[EXHIBIT\(juh11a04\)](#)

01:19:22 Susan Bailey, Adult Resource Alliance
[EXHIBIT\(juh11a05\)](#)

01:23:49 Larry Riley, Missoula Aging Services
01:27:56 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana
[EXHIBIT\(juh11a06\)](#)

01:32:16 Lynn Mallowney Cabrera, Alzheimer's Association
[EXHIBIT\(juh11a07\)](#)

01:36:46 Cindy Nickol, Self
01:45:25 Claudia Clifford, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
[EXHIBIT\(juh11a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:48:49 Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:21 Rep. Kelker
01:49:54 Cindy Nickol, Self
01:50:14 Rep. Kelker
01:50:21 Cindy Nickol, Self
01:50:43 Rep. Kelker
01:51:10 Larry Riley, Missoula Aging Services
01:52:02 Rep. Kelker
01:52:13 Larry Riley, Missoula Aging Services
01:53:58 Rep. Harris
01:54:55 Larry Riley, Missoula Aging Services
01:57:44 Rep. Harris
01:57:56 Larry Riley, Missoula Aging Services
01:59:00 Rep. Brown
01:59:39 Rep. Karjala
02:00:21 Rep. Brown
02:00:31 Rep. Karjala
02:00:51 Rep. Brown
02:00:59 Denise Armstrong, Big Sky Senior Services
02:01:33 Rep. Bishop
02:02:22 Denise Armstrong, Big Sky Senior Services

02:03:32 Rep. Usher
02:04:11 Rep. Karjala
02:04:31 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:05:07 Chair Doane
02:05:17 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:05:25 Denise Armstrong, Big Sky Senior Services
02:06:04 Vice Chair Court
02:06:35 Rep. Karjala
02:07:01 Vice Chair Court
02:07:17 Rep. Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:55 Rep. Karjala

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:11:32

Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh11aad.pdf](#))